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The Honorable John S. Graham
Assistant Secretary of the Treasury
Treasury Department
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Graham:

In reply to your letter of 23 May 1950, I can say that CIA has information which indicates a strong probability that slave labor (possibly including Japanese prisoners of war) is employed in the Soviet crab meat industry. Moreover, Soviet canned crab meat is being "dumped" in the US market at a price considerably below that on the Soviet domestic market.

This statement is based upon classified information which could not be divulged to the persons who have complained to your Department. If, in these circumstances, the information would be of value to you, I will be glad to make it available, subject to security regulations. Please let me know your wishes in the matter.

Sincerely,

Signed

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